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受付
I STILL PREFER FUJIMIYA
HE'S THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE PLANNING AND HE GOT SUCH A HIGH POSITION WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM ANYONE
I SIMPLY ADORE HIS GOOD-NATURED AND GENTLE PERSONALITY
I HOPE I HAVEN'T KEPT YOU WAITING FOR TOO LONG
IT'S OK.

YUUKI'S THE MORE CAPABLE ONE
FOR MEN, THE SILENT AND BROODING TYPES ARE WAY MORE COOL. BESIDES HE'S THE CHAIRMAN'S GRANDSON. ANYONE WHO MARRIES HIM WILL HAVE A LIFE OF LUXURY
WELL YOU CAN STOP DAYDREAMING! AS IF HE WOULD EVEN NOTICE YOU!
AND WHY CAN'T I? ALL WOMEN REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGES WOULD FANTASIZE AND WISH THAT THEY THEMSELVES COULD BE LIKE CINDERELLA!
YUUKI, IS THERE SOMETHING IMPORTANT YOU WANT TO DISCUSS?
I APOLOGISE FOR THE RUSH
DON'T EVEN DREAM ABOUT IT. YOU HAVE TO BE MORE REALISTIC. FUJIMIYA IS DEFINITELY THE MOST PRACTICAL AND ELIGIBLE MAN
WELL I SAY THAT YUUKI IS THE BETTER CATCH. HOW CAN ONE NOT EVEN FATASIZE ABOUT IT
GLARE GLARE

Chapter 1
恋愛のスキル
Skill of Love

HEY, YOU'RE A MANAGER, AND YOU'RE DRINKING CANNED COFFEE?
I'LL GET SOMEONE TO MAKE SOME COFF-
NO NEED TO.
TAKE THIS
I INSIST
THAT IF IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY OR MY JOB I'LL DEAL WITH IT MYSELF
OPEN
AH YOU'RE STILL THE SAME SO NOT CUTE
?
COFFEE

THE DAY YOU ENTERED UNIVERSITY YOU STARTED HAVING THIS 'POLICY' THAT BLANK EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE IS INDEED A RARE DISPLAY.
LOOK OVER THERE THEY'RE JUST WAITING TO BE AT YOUR BECK AND CALL,
THEY ARE PROBABLY AWAITING THE DAY WHEN THEY CAN GO OUT ON A DATE WITH YOU
Smile
clunk
WELL SHOULDN'T I BE THE ONE TELLING YOU SUCH WORDS?
EVERYONE HAS BEEN SPECULATING TRYING TO FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO TIE THE KNOT SOON, AREN'T YOU?
SIGH

MY GIRLFRIEND
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
RIKA...
IT'S BEEN SO LONG AND YET YOU NEVER FOUND OUT
AND NAOKO
IN THE END, ALL THE IMPORTANT AND PRECIOUS THINGS WERE STOLEN BY YOU...
EVERY SINGLE TIME...
THEIR EYES WERE FOREVER LOOKING AT YOU CHASING YOU.

BECAUSE OF THAT I HAVE NO WISH TO START A SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH ANYONE.
EVERY-THING IS JUST A GAME IN THE END? THERE'S NOTHING BAD ABOUT IT
I'M GOING OVERSEAS ON A BUSINESS TRIP
I'LL BE GONE FOR MORE THAN HALF A YEAR
SO WHAT'S GOING ON? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OH? SO THE TALENTED AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR IS GOING OVERSEAS
WHAT ELSE IS NEW?
DURING THE PERIOD OF MY ABSENCE
I WAS HOPING THAT YOU COULD HELP ME OUT BY WATCH OVER SOMEONE

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YOU MEAN ME WATCHING OVER AND SEEING THAT THIS SPECIAL PERSON DOESN'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE OR ANYTHING...
AHH?!
WATCH OVER?
ALL ALONG, THIS PERSON INSISTS ON BEING A REGULAR WORKING CLASS PERSON
I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF OF THIS PERSON WHILE I'M GONE
IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING FOR ME TO ASK FOR SUCH A FAVOUR BUT I AM WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING THIS PERSON BEHIND ALONE
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO SAY?
WHAT! NO WAY!!
YOU WANT ME TO WATCH OVER YOUR FIANCEE?!
IT'S NOT THAT... THIS IS MORE OF A PRIVATE ISSUE
SO I DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST IF I REQUESTED YOUR ASSISTANCE

YOU REALLY WANT ME TO HANDLE THIS?
STANDS
Is she pretty...
I BEG YOU, FUJIMIYA.
YUUKI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU ARE MY SUPERIOR! YOU SHOULDN'T BE BOWING TO ME!!
IT SEEMS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS YET TO KNOW.
YUUKI!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

YUUKI!!!!
TO REALIZE THAT HE ALREADY HAS SOMEONE
SOMEONE WHOM NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT
All right, all right. I will take good care of this person for you.
Would you please stop bowing now?
REALLY?
YES JUST WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS THIS ANYWAY, SO MUCH SO THAT YOU WOULD PLEAD?
HIS GIRLFRIEND?!?!
THEY SHOULD BE HERE SOON
YUUKI'S GIRL-FRIEND
He already planned it all.
I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPART-MENT,
FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, HE WILL BE WORKING FOR YOU
thudump thudump
AH!
JUST WHO IS THIS PERSON...

EXIT
THERE HE IS!
ERM?
THAT'S WRONG
YOU'RE SUPPOSE TO PUSH IT
THE ENTRANCE IS AT THE OTHER SIDE
ERM?!
WHAT?
AH LOOK AT YOURSELF... YOU'RE SWEATING
I'M SO SORRY I CAME LATE! YOUR COMPANY'S REALLY TOO BIG! I COULDN'T FIND THE ENTRANCE ANYWHERE!!
WHAAAT?!?!

OH RIGHT LET ME INTRODUCE YOU FROM TODAY ONWARDS HE WILL BE YOUR SUPERIOR. THE NUMBER ONE MAN IN THE BUSINESS PLANNING SECTOR FUJIMIYA
HE'S QUITE A GOOD MAN BUT A BIT OF A PLAYER TRY NOT TO PICK UP ON THOSE BAD HABITS.
YUUKI
THIS IS..?
THE PERSON WHOM YUUKI WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT..
IS ACTUALLY A MAN?!
H-HOW ARE YOU! MY NAME IS SHUUTA TAKAHASHI. YUUKI OFTEN MENTIONS YOU.
SIR, YOUR CAR HAS ARRIVED
ALL RIGHT

I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.
FUJI-MIYA
NOW YOU BE GOOD OK?
STOP TOUCHING MY HEAD YOU'RE MESSING UP MY HAIR!
I MUST BE THINKING TOO MUCH...
JUST THEN I THOUGHT HE WOULD ACTUALLY KISS HIM
EH?
I'M GOING NOW
HAVE A SAFE TRIP

SHOCK
IT'S A MAN
REALLY
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW THE CONTEXT OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP
THE STAFF CAFETERIA IS REALLY HUGE
REALLY! THAT'S SO MEAN OF YOU!
THE SLIGHTEST MENTION OF YUUKI'S NAME WOULD SEND ANY MAN RUNNING
THERE'S NO ONE HERE LUNCH HOUR MUST BE OVER BY NOW
chatter
chatter
Let's have some tea
YEAH BUT YOU KNOW IF I WERE TO HAVE A MAN LIKE FUJIMIYA, EVEN IF MY FEELINGS WERE BEING TOYED WITH I WOULD GLADLY WELCOME IT
THEN WHY DON'T YOU TRY ASKING HIM OUT WHO KNOWS, YOU MAY ACTUALLY SUCCEED
He's so HOT!
chatter

WELL IT MAY NOT...
VU
POO
MAKING ME LOOK AFTER HIS BRAT FOR HALF-A-YEAR IS MAKING ME NO LESS THEN A NANNY...
JUST WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO DO!
HE ONLY GOT THE JOB HERE BECAUSE OF STRINGS ATTACHED, THOUGH I KNOW I WOULD BE GOING AGAINST YULIK'S WISHES, WELL, HE'S ONLY GOING TO BE HERE FOR 6 MONTHS, SO I SHOULD JUST KEEP HIM BUSY WITH SOME RANDOM JOBS
THEN AGAIN AT LEAST THE KID DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE SORT WHO WOULD BE BUSY CHASING GIRLS

I NOTICED THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A WORKING PASS. WHERE ON EARTH DID YOU COME FROM?! WHAT RIGHTS DO YOU HAVE TO SIT HERE AND EAT AND DRINK ALL DAY LONG?
WOBBLE
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT BESIDES. IT WAS ONLY A BIT, AND WIPING IT SHOULD REMOVE THE STAIN ENTIRELY.
YOU GUYS...
IT'S AKIN TO OUR SOUL! IT'S LIKE AN ARMORED PROTECTION.
WELL,
BUSINESS SUITS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL WORKING CLASS MEN.
WHAT?
GRR
WHAT CRAP IS THAT!

EXCUSE ME... BUT... IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY JACKET? WHY ARE YOU GUYS ARGUING?
PAT
MR. FUJIMIYA!
LET ME CLEAN THE JACKET...
WELL NO ONE ASKED YOU!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
I'M SO SORRY!
I SIMPLY LOST IT...
I MEAN, A BUSINESS SUIT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL WORKING MEN ALIKE AND THEY ACTUALLY DIRTIED IT. THAT'S WHY...
IT'S OK... DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART...
EXCUSE ME... IF I MAY ASK...
WILL... WILL I BE FIRED?

Please don't fire me!!
It's always been my dream to become one of the working class.
This is my only chance.
LET'S JUST SAY
I WILL APOLOGIZE THIS INSTANT TO THOSE WOMEN
Please let me work here!
LIKE I SAID, I PROMISED YUUKI THAT I WOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU. WHY WOULD I WANT TO FIRE YOU?
SO PLEASE
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU AND YUUKI ARE TOTALLY UNRELATED!?
OF COURSE WE'RE NOT RELATED. MY FAMILY IS RATHER POOR.
SO BUSINESS HASN'T REALLY BEEN GOOD
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
OHH...
WHAT IS THIS 'DREAM' IN WHICH YOU TALK ABOUT? YOU'RE RELATED TO YUUKI AREN'T YOU? WHAT'S THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?
HOWEVER, ONLY RECENTLY WE HAD A HUGE COMPETITOR, OPENING THEIR BUSINESS RIGHT NEXT TO OURS.
AH, MY FAMILY ACTUALLY OWNS AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE COMPANY.

YOU MUST BE WONDERING, HOW SOMEONE AS RICH AS YUUKI, COULD ACTUALLY BEFRIEND SOMEONE AS POOR AS ME
SO YOU TWO
ACTUALLY NO
WE
HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS
SINCE THEY WERE KIDS
HE AND I
WHAT ABOUT IT?
THE SCAR I HAVE HERE
IT'S ALL RIGHT, ANYONE WOULD BE CURIOUS
IT WAS ACTUALLY KIND OF A COINCIDENCE THE WAY WE BECAME FRIENDS
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT WE GOT ALONG REALLY WELL SO WE WERE ALWAYS MEETING EACH OTHER SECRETLY
AND WE WOULD MEET AT OUR SECRET HIDING PLACE AND PLAY TILL IT WAS DARK
YUUKI HAS ONE TOO

IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
THIS SCAR... I GOT IT, WHEN I WAS TEN, AFTER I PROTECTED YUUKI FROM GETTING HURT.
BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, YUUKI HAD ALREADY CUT HIMSELF, TO LEAVE BEHIND A SIMILAR SCAR AS MINE
OF COURSE, I DIDN'T EVEN THINK MUCH ABOUT THE INCIDENT...
HE DOES HAVE A SCAR ON HIS ARM
IT'S TRUE...
ALL FOR THIS PERSON?
WHAT A SILLY GUY...

BUT I FEEL THAT, MEN MUST ACHIEVE SOMETHING WITH THEIR OWN STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION
HOWEVER IN THE END, I ENDED UP GETTING THIS JOB THROUGH YUUKI
SO NATURALLY YUUKI WOULD WANT TO HELP ME AND I REALLY APPRECIATE HIS KIND GESTURE
COULD IT BE THAT YUUKI HAS SOME SPECIAL FEELINGS TOWARDS THIS GUY?
LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER 'SOLDIER' IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR HAS JUST BEEN BORN
THIS GUY IS JUST LIKE ME.
BUT, I PROMISE WILL ACHIEVE MY FUTURE SUCCESSES ALL ON MY OWN

I TOO HAVE THIS INEXPLICABLE SENSE OF UTMOST RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR YUUKI
THANK YOU!
Chatter
Chatter
D- do give me your guidance!
BOW
HIS NAME IS TAKAHASHI AND FROM TODAY ONWARDS HE SHALL BE WORKING HERE
DURING THIS SHORT PERIOD, I WILL BE GUIDING HIM ALONG SO NO BULLYING OK
Welcoming party!
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I'M SORRY TAKAHASHI, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING TODAY
AH YOSHIDA, GET ME 5 COPIES OF THIS SET OF NOTES
FUJIMIYA-SAN, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS THE LEAFLET FOR THE NEW PRODUCT YOU DISCUSSED LAST TIME IS DONE
PROBLEM IS, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RUSH IT INTO OUR FINAL REPORT IN TIME
FUJI-NOMIYA.
YOU REALLY ARE COOL!
ALRIGHT IF WE ACT FAST WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME LET'S GATHER THE OTHER STAFF FIRST
PLOP
STOP SAYING SUCH NONSENSE ALREADY
YES!! I will do my best!!
YOU MUST LOOK THROUGH THIS CAREFULLY
THIS DISK HERE CONTAINS ALL THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE BUSINESS CONCEPTS AND RESEARCH DONE IN OUR BUSINESS PLANNING SECTOR
TO BECOME A GOOD WORKING CLASS MAN, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION.

I'M SO TIRED ... AND TOO LAZY CALL HER...
MY HOURS ARE SO LONG EVERYDAY...
...YE...
flop
I FEEL LIKE...
GOING SOME PLACE FAR AWAY TO CATCH MY BREATH AND RELAX...

OPEN
BANG
BANG
AHHH! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? IT'S NOT WORKING ANYMORE!
WAAH!
WAAAAH!
.....
ERM...
Mr. Fujimoto's...
ACTUALLY I...
WHAT'S WRONG? IF YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR WORK, YOU CAN GO HOME
TAKAHASHI WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HEH?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO READ THE DISK...
WHAT?!
HUH?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE USED A COMPUTER...

I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO USE THE COMPUTER.
DON- DON'T GO YET!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO OPERATE A COMPUTER... HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE A WORKING CLASSMAN?
I WILL WORK HARD TO LEARN IT ALL.
PLEASE... GIVE ME A CHANCE TO LEARN!
FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, I WILL USE MY SPARE TIME TO TEACH YOU
EVERYONE, STARTS OUT FROM THE SAME STARTING POINT
BUT FUJIMIYA-SAN AREN'T YOU A VERY BUSY PERSON?
EVERY NIGHT AT 9PM SHARP SO DON'T YOU BE LATE
YOU WILL GET USED TO IT, AS YOU START USING IT.

LISTEN TO ME
FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, YOU MUST DO YOUR BEST
YOU CAN DO IT
SHOCK
WAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?
I'M SO-SORRY I MA-MADE YOU SO WOR-WOR-RIED...
Have a tissue
THIS IS GREAT...
I WILL DEFINITELY DO MY BEST!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE BETTER THAN YUUKI
DON'T SAY THAT... I DON'T LIKE TO BE COMPARED
AH! BEFORE I FORGET... THIS IS FOR YOU...
Here it is
TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE FUJIMIYA-SAN AS MY BOSS IS SIMPLY GREAT
YOU' RE NOT LIKE YUUKI HE'S ALWAYS NOT LISTENING TO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY
HE ONLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO EXPRESS HIMSELF PROPERLY
THIS IS A BENTO SET WHICH I BOUGHT FROM A CONVENIENCE STORE
IF YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, YOU'RE WELCOME TO EAT IT
OR... HAVE YOU ALREADY EATEN YOUR DINNER?
EH?
AH... NOT YET...

MY STOMACH IS KILLING ME! I'LL GO MAKE SOME TEA!
YOU MEAN TO SAY— YOU HAVEN'T EATEN? YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME?
AH YES I SAW THAT YOU LEFT YOUR WALLET BEHIND, SO I FIGURED YOU WOULD BE RETURNING
SO SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING I'LL GIVE YOU A TREAT NEXT TIME.
YUUKI!?
WHY DO YOU DO THAT?
?
YUUKI ALWAYS DOES THAT PUTTING HIS HAND ON MY HEAD
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE MY HEIGHT

NOW LET US ALL GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER IN OUR BUSINESS PLANNING DEPARTMENT, SHUUTA TAKAHASHI !!
Cheers!
Cheers!
POUR SOME BEER OVER HERE TAKAHASHI!
OVER HERE TOO!!
IS THIS REALLY THE SO-CALLED WELCOMING PARTY?
STOP COMPLAINING ALREADY! IT'S TRADITION!
HELPING TO POUR BEER IS THE SUPPOSED JOB OF A NEWBIE
TAKAHASHI, HURRY UP! OUR DIRECTOR'S GLASS IS ALREADY EMPTY!
LOOKIE! OUR CUTE LITTLE NEWBIE IS HERE
WANTS TO POUR YOU SOME BEER
AS THE DIRECTOR,
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET HIM?

That's too much!
Drink up!
OKAY...
POUR
POUR
WOW, TAKAHASHI, YOU HOLD YOUR LIQUOR REALLY WELL!!
OH REALLY?
SO I GUESS, I'LL LEAVE THE REST UP TO YOU NOW...
EH?
FUJIMIYA-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TAKING CARE OF DRUNKS IS ALSO THE JOB OF THE NEWBIE.
SO I'LL BE LEAVING EVERYTHING TO YOU NOW TAKAHASHI-KUN.
WHAT?!

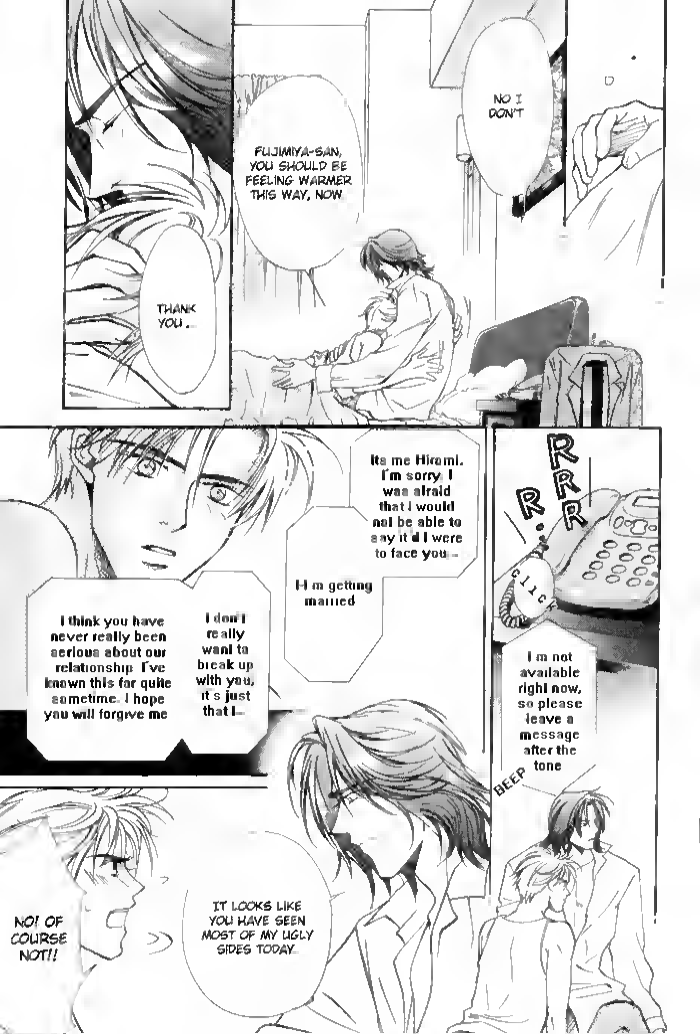
I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST THAT... WHENEVER I DRINK, I'LL BE-COME LIKE THIS...
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO EARLIER?
I DIDN'T KNOW, SO I KEPT RE-FILLING YOUR GLASS...
WHAT THE...?
ALMOST THERE!
PUKE
I'M GONNA
WHAT!
Toilet
BLERGH
plop
FUJIMIYA-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DO YOU NEED SOME WATER?
JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER!

I'M FINE TAKAHASHI, YOU SHOULD GO NOW...
YOU DON'T SEEM TO OWN A THICK SET OF BLANKETS. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP TONIGHT?
ARE YOU FEELING COLD? I'VE ALREADY TURNED ON THE HEATER TO THE MAX!
BUT...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO REST, IF THERE'S SOMEONE AROUND. I'M SORRY
OH...
YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'M A MAN, AND YET I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU!
SORRY... I'LL GO HOME THIS INSTANT. GET SOME REST

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOURSELF WARM, GOOD NIGHT
CLOSE
UHH...
WHY, IS IT
SO FRIGGING COLD?
It's so cold!
It's fucking cold!
THAT GUY. I CAN'T BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY LEFT ME AND WENT HOME
SOME-ONE WARM ME UP!
IT'S SO COLD.

shock
TAKAHASHI?!
YUUKI MENTIONED TO ME ONCE...
THAT FUJIMIYA IS A MAN WHO DOESN'T SAY THINGS IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD MANNER.
WHAT ARE YOU TAKING OFF YOUR CLOTHES FOR?
YOU...
I KNOW THAT WHAT I'M GOING TO DO NOW MAY SEEM A LITTLE STRANGE...
BUT I HEARD FROM SOMEWHERE, THAT THE FASTEST WAY TO GAIN WARMTH IS THROUGH COMING INTO CONTACT WITH ANOTHER BODY.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I TOO DRANK A BIT OF BEER JUST NOW, SO MY BODY SHOULD BE RATHER WARM RIGHT NOW.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
TAKAHASHI?
I APOLOGIZE RIGHT NOW FOR MY IMPOLITE-NESS
FLAIL
ER, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT THIS WAY,
I WILL LEAVE YOU THIS INSTANCE AND GO HOME.


THANK YOU..
FUJIMIYA-SAN, YOU SHOULD BE FEELING WARMER THIS WAY, NOW.
NO I DON'T
Its me Hiromi. I'm sorry. I was afraid that I would not be able to say it if I were to face you...
I'm getting married
I don't really want to break up with you, it's just that I...
I think you have never really been serious about our relationship. I've known this for quite sometime. I hope you will forgive me
RRRR
CLICK
I'm not available right now, so please leave a message after the tone
BEEP
NO! OF COURSE NOT!!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SEEN MOST OF MY UGLY SIDES TODAY.

ACTUALLY...
ON THE SURFACE, IT MAY LOOK LIKE MY FRIENDSHIP WITH YUUKI IS REALLY GOOD, BUT IN ACTUAL FACT, I'M CONSTANTLY BEING COMPARED TO HIM
OF COURSE, I'M ALWAYS BEING COMPARED DOWN...
I'VE ALWAYS TRIED MY BEST TO IGNORE SUCH COMPARISONS
BUT STILL, I WOULD BROOD OVER IT ONCE IN A WHILE...
AYE IT LOOKS LIKE I STILL LOST IN THE END
TO THINK THAT I WOULD EVEN GET UPSET OVER SUCH A TRIVIAL MATTER
I AM SO USELESS
NO YOU'RE NOT! I...
I KNOW ALL OF FUJIMIYA-SAN'S STRONG POINTS!! YOU HAVE PLENTY OF MERITS!!

LET ME...
JUST LET ME KNOW MORE OF YOUR MERITS!! FUJIMIYA-SAN.
RRRR
RR
click
HELLO?
AH! YUUKI!
EH?
PASS ME THE PHONE!
WHY AM I HERE? WELL IT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY...
YUP, I'M FINE
YUUKI?
EH NO PROBLEM I WILL TEACH HIM.
LIKE I SAID NOTHING'S WRONG HERE, SO DON'T WORRY!!

STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME ALREADY!!
FUJIMIYA-SAN IS A VERY BUSY MAN DON'T BULLY HIM!
EH?
OH
ME TOO
CLICK
HUH?
FUJINOMIYA-SAN?
OH NO...

WHAT...

WHAT ON EARTH AM I DOING?

Ahh
No
I already told you it was nothing!
CRINKLE
slide
I was only taking care of him
GRAB
Doing it here
No Don't
It's true
Please believe me!

He...
Is a good man...
We didn't...
N...
Yuuki! Please stop!
Ahh
Nh
Ahh
Yuuki!
Ahh
Fujimiya
will see us...
thudump
YUUKI!?

Ahhh!
SPLURT
Unnn!
THUD
TAKAHASHI IS MINE... DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HIM!
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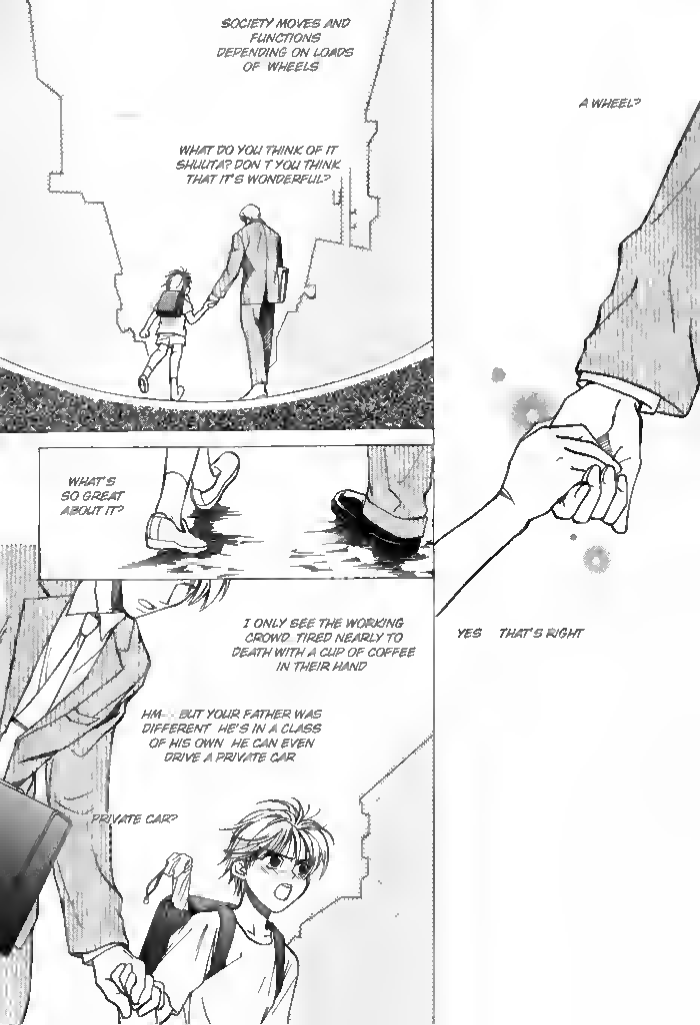
SOCIETY MOVES AND FUNCTIONS DEPENDING ON LOADS OF WHEELS
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT SHUJITA? DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'S WONDERFUL?
A WHEEL?
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT IT?
YES THAT'S RIGHT
I ONLY SEE THE WORKING CROWD TIRED NEARLY TO DEATH WITH A CUP OF COFFEE IN THEIR HAND
HM... BUT YOUR FATHER WAS DIFFERENT HE'S IN A CLASS OF HIS OWN HE CAN EVEN DRIVE A PRIVATE CAR
PRIVATE CAR?

ALL DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF, AND WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU WISH TO BECOME
THE ESSENCE BEHIND LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH CHARISMA
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT, SHIJITA
YOUR FATHER... FOR YOUR MOTHER AND YOU, HAS BECOME A STRONG WHEEL. DON'T YOU THINK HE'S PRETTY COOL LIKE THAT?
FATHE...

YUUKI?
flop
sniff

Grab
ARE YOU STILL MAD AT ME?
OF COURSE I AM!!
SHUJITA, IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY DID "IT" IN THE OFFICE
BESIDES I ALSO HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH FUJIMIYA-SAN YESTERDAY
WHAT IF WHAT IF HE SAW US?
I... I WOULD BE TOO ASHAMED TO RETURN TO WORK

YUU...
DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO OVERSEAS? YOUR CHAUFFEUR MUST BE WAITING FOR YOU
YOU BETTER GO
SHUUTA,
DON'T GO TO FUJIMIYA'S ROOM ANYMORE

I ONLY WENT TO HIS ROOM BECAUSE HE WAS DRUNK
YOU TOO SHOULD KNOW WHY! ALL THE NEWBIES HAVE THE REPONSIBILITY OF LOOKING AFTER THOSE WHO'RE DRUNK!
DON'T BE PARANOID!
HE'S NOT LIKE THE TWO OF US!
WHY CAN'T I GO ?
NOT TO MENTION I REALLY RESPECT FUJIMIYA-SAN BECAUSE HE...
SHUUTA
THAT'S ENOUGH. I UNDERSTAND
swipe
RRR
YES I'LL BE DOWN IN A FEW MINUTES

SHUUTA?
WHAT!
I'VE JUST CALLED THE OFFICE AND CALLED IN SICK FOR YOU,
SO YOU HAVE A GOOD REST TODAY
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING LET'S GO
WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU FOOLS BEEN DOING? YOU CAN'T EVEN FIND A MERE CHILD!!
SIR... I KNOW I SHOULDN'T SAY THIS. BUT YOUNG MASTER IS STILL A SMALL CHILD
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ? AS MY FUTURE HEIR, HE HAS TO UNDERGO THE STRICTEST EDUCATION

IF HE REALLY WISHES TO RUN AWAY, THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
IT'S ONLY HIS MOTHER'S DEATH. HOW LONG DOES HE INTEND TO STAY UPSET?
bike
bike
BUT HIS MOTHER HAS ONLY JUST PASSED AWAY
BUT SIR!
A WEAKLING SUCH AS HIM WILL NEVER BE FIT TO BE MY SON!
shock
Ringo!
I FOUND YUUKI!

Hello?
This is the rescue team speaking. The target has been found
Do send help
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I WAS HERE
OF COURSE I KNEW! YOU ALWAYS HIDE HERE WHENEVER YOU ARE TROUBLED!
WHY CAN'T I?
HERE! GRAB MY HAND! DON'T WORRY! I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU!!
EVEN NOW I WILL NEVER LET GO

chatter
chatter
TAKAHASHI! OH MY!!
YOU LEARN REALLY FAST! EXCELLENT!
One week later
WELL, I HAD SPECIAL TRAINING
COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW IS HE DOING?
DID HE TELL YOU?
I GUESS YOU DON'T NEED THIS ANYMORE
OOH
HMM
I TREAT IT AS MY LUCKY CHARM NOW
HEH? WHAT'S THIS?
THAT'S MINE FUJIMIYA-SAN GAVE IT TO ME

IS THAT SO? WELL I... CAN'T REALLY BE BOTHERED.
BECAUSE I...
I MEAN HE'S USUALLY VERY FRIENDLY TO THE STAFF, BUT LATELY IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S GONE A WEE BIT OVER-BOARD.
AND SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT HE'S TAKEN TO SLEEPING IN THE OFFICE RECENTLY.
I... DIDN'T KNOW.
YEAH... ANYWAY, YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL, TAKAHASHI... A PERSON LIKE HIM, WILL PROBABLY WORK HIMSELF TO DEATH,
TO CLIMB UP SO HIGH IN THIS BUSINESS... AND ONCE YOU'RE THERE, YOUR ENTIRE LIFE'S GONE.
WELL TAKAHASHI... I'LL LEAVE THESE DOCUMENTS IN YOUR CARE.
FUJIMIYA-SAN...
ERR..
CISE

AH, I'M SORRY, WHY DON'T YOU ASK TAKENAKA INSTEAD?
I HAVE A MEETING WITH A CLIENT LATER.
REGARDING THIS DOCUMENT... I NEED YOU TO TAKE A LOOK
TAKE-NAKA!
YES?
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS REPORT.
TURN
OKAY, I WILL

IF YOU DON'T TAKE A BREAK SOON, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL COLLAPSE
I'LL HANDLE THIS DOCUMENT.
GRAB
BUT SIR!
I'M FINE.
Even Yoshida is worried about me...
WHY IS IT SO IMPOSSIBLE NOW JUST TO HAVE A DECENT CONVERSATION LIKE WE HAD IN THE PAST?
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH ME!
SIGH

IT MUST BE TAKAHASHI. I SAW HIM TOO
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE REALLY JOINED THIS COMPANY!
I BET IT WAS BECAUSE OF YUUKI.
DUH!
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO HELP ME WITH THE PROBLEM
BUT I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN YUUKI ACTUALLY REFUSED!
WHAT AN IDIOT!
IT'S ALL HIS FAULT FOR NOT BEING A FLEXIBLE PERSON
BUT WE HAVE OUR OWN WAY...
SO YOU'LL BE ASKING HIM OUT
UH GOT IT
HELLO FUJIMIYA.

DID YOU HEAR, THERE HAS BEEN SOME RUMORS AND GOSSIP FLYING AROUND LATELY...
?
ARE YOU OKAY? I KNOW THAT WORK HAS ALWAYS KEPT YOU BUSY
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE PURPOSELY MAKING YOURSELF BUSY WITH NOTHING BUT WORK
YEAH, AND IT KEEPS ON PILING UP
ARE YOU TAKING THE ELEVATOR?
UH... THANKS.
JUST LET ME KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR MERITS, FUJIMIYA-SAN!
WHEN MEN ARE ENGAGED, THEY'RE FILLED WITH A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY MAKING THEM MORE SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR WORK. SO LET'S BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER.
YOUR SERIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK RECENTLY HAS LED MANY TO THINK THAT YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED SOON.
IS THAT TRUE?
OF COURSE IT ISN'T.

I GUESS... THIS IS THE ONLY WAY
FOR HIM TO SEE THE VIRTUES IN ME
I JUST WANT THE STAFF IN MY DEPARTMENT TO KNOW.
THE REASON FOR MY BEHAVIOUR.
I ONLY WISH FOR THEM TO SEE ME AS A GOOD ROLE MODEL.
IT IS ONLY NORMAL FOR PEOPLE TO PRETEND AND PLAY IT COOL IN FRONT OF THE PERSON THEY LOVE
Pat
FUJIMIYA, STOP PRETENDING
WHAT——————

TAKAHASHI

I
I'VE FINISHED THE PROPOSAL
THANKS A LOT
ONCE THE BUSINESS HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO FUJIMIYA, THE DEAL WILL DEFINITELY GO THROUGH QUICKLY
I AM IMPRESSED WITH YOUR CAPABILITY. THE PEOPLE UP THERE ARE DEFINITELY PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU.
AFTER ALL, I DOUBT YOU WOULD HAVE WANTED HIS HELP IN THE FIRST PLACE
YOUR HANDWORK HAS PAID OFF RATHER WELL.
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS BEEN HELPING YOU OUT SECRETLY.
YOU ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A GOOD SUPERIOR

I AM REALLY...
REALLY TIRED...
I CAN'T EVEN MOVE MY FINGERS...
MY HEAD HURTS.

WHEN A MAN IS ENGAGED, THEY ARE FILLED WITH A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, MAKING THEM MORE SERIOUS IN THEIR WORK. SO LET'S BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER
IS THAT SO? PERHAPS IT'S TRUE
YOU ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A GOOD SUPERIOR
WHY YES— I FEEL SO TOUCHED THAT I CAN ALMOST CRY
slump
step
step

TAKA... HASHI...
YOU'RE BACK.
AS LONG AS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO RUN, THINGS WILL DEFINITELY SMOOTHEN OUT SLOWLY...
NO MATTER HOW STRONG A WHEEL IS, IF YOU DON'T OIL IT DAILY IT WILL BECOME RUSTY...
YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE UP LIKE THAT...
I HAVE NO STRENGTH TO MOVE ANYMORE...
DON'T FALL ASLEEP HERE, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD

SIR. .
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I'M A BUSY BODY...
BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT I CAN HELP WITH PLEASE, FEEL FREE TO ASK ME
I JUST WANT TO LIGHTEN YOUR WORK LOAD...
SUCH AS FILING DOCUMENTS, RUNNING ERRANDS...
SO FEEL FREE TO ORDER ME AROUND.

FUJI-MIYA...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING. JUST STAY LIKE THIS FOR ME.
CLUTCH
SO UNEXPECTED WHY DO I FEEL SO GOOD ...
IT IS...
TAKA-HASH!
WITHIN HIS ARMS

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
I'M ACTUALLY MORE OF A PESSIMIST
IF I WERE A WOMAN, I WOULD FALL FOR YOU JUST LIKE THE REST
I BET I LOOK STUPID RIGHT NOW
WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, I WISH I COULD RUN AWAY THAT VERY INSTANT
IS THAT SO?
USUALLY I HIDE MY FEELINGS, AND PRETEND TO BE REALLY STRONG ABOUT EVERYTHING
I AM JUST NOT A VERY HONEST PERSON
THIS— I KNOW—

NO...
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FUJIMIYA-SAN IS SUCH A PERSON.
THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ABOUT ME. THERE ISN'T ANYTHING YOU CAN LEARN FROM ME
.....
YOU KNOW WHAT?
I REALLY THANK AND RESPECT YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT YOU, I FEEL MORE AT EASE AND MORE ABLE TO DO MY WORK.
TO ME FUJIMIYA-SAN IS THE MOST REMARKABLE MAN I'VE EVER MET.
IT ALSO MAKES ME MORE CONFIDENT OF MYSELF.
THAT FEELING ALONE IS SOMETHING THAT NO ONE ELSE IS ABLE TO GIVE ME

JUST FOR A WHILE...
LET'S STAY LIKE THIS JUST FOR A WHILE...
THAT HURT...
FOR NOW
WHEN TOMORROW COMES...
IT'S ONLY FOR NOW
TAKAHASHI IS MINE. DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HIM.
I WILL THEN BURY THESE FOOLISH FEELINGS OF MINE...
I KNOW THAT ALREADY!

I'M SO SORRY FOR PULLING YOU OUT WITH ME TODAY.
IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE AND HONOUR TO HAVE SOME WINE WITH YOU TODAY.
REALLY? I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AND DRINK WITH YOU.
TAKAHASHI?

FUJIMIYA, TODAY WENT WELL. I HOPE WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER SESSION NEXT TIME.
BUT OF COURSE HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME
WHY

TAKAHASHI.
IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE PHOTOS TO BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET — I SUGGEST YOU GET US SOME MONEY FROM THE BOSS.
IF HE HADN'T REFUSED LAST TIME THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.
YOU SHOULD ALSO CHANGE YOUR STUBBORN PERSONALITY... THIS IS A VERY CRUEL WORLD.
TAKAHASHI.
DASH!!

I GUESS I SHOULD BE GOING NOW..
IF YOU WANT ANYMORE OF 'THESE GAMES' DO GIVE ME A CALL
BEGINNER'S
TAKA-
HASHI!

ドーン
Punch

CRUSH
TAKAHASHI.
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恋愛のスキル
Skill of Love
COME TO THINK OF IT..
YUUKI 'S REQUEST WASN'T SIMPLY TO TEACH TAKAHASHI ABOUT THE BASICS REGARDING WORK...
HO- HOW COULD I HAVE NOT REALIZED?
IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY—
IT'S ALL MY FAULT FOR NOT KEEPING A CLOSER EYE ON HIM!!
uh...

UH. FUJIMIYA-SAN?
HM
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE AREA
YOU'RE AWAKE
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
OH
HERE ARE YOUR CLOTHES
YOU'D BETTER
TAKE THEM TO THE DRY CLEANERS
I'M SORRY,
FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE
TAKA-HASHI

TAKA-HASHI!!
NO NEED TO.
DO YOU WANT TO SUE THEM?
ABOUT THOSE PICTURES THEY TOOK. I'VE ALREADY DESTROYED THE NEGATIVES. SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I...
I have never taken a single cent from Yuuki!!
THEY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT YUUKI
DID THEY DO THAT TO GET SOME OF THE MONEY THAT YUUKI ALWAYS GIVES YOU?

I KNOW...
BUT, YOU WERE STILL BULLIED
TAKAHASHI
I...
IF ONLY I HAD REALIZED SOONER...
IS THAT BECAUSE...
OF YUUKI'S REQUEST TO TAKE CARE OF ME? IS THAT WHY YOU SAID THAT JUST NOW?

I'M GOING HOME
IN FACT, I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY SUCH A SMALL THING.
FUJIMIYA-SAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO ME
AFTER ALL, THIS IS MY OWN PERSONAL PROBLEM.
falls out
4V
TAKAHASHI
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...

I REALLY DO WANT TO PROTECT YOU WITH ALL I HAVE
I KNOW THAT HE'S MY GOOD FRIEND'S LOVER
AND YET HERE I AM DOING SOMETHING DESPICABLE BEHIND HIS BACK
BUT I CAN NO LONGER HIDE NOR LIE ABOUT MY OWN FEELINGS
I LOVE YOU.
SINCE THE BEGINNING,
I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU...
I HAVE BEEN LYING TO MYSELF ABOUT MY FEELINGS.
I WILL PROTECT YOU FOREVER...

I'M BEGINNING TO HATE THE OLD ME.
Ah

I'M ALREADY...
IS ALRIGHT FOR ME.
THIS IS ...
LOOK, IT'S THE MANAGER, YUUKI.
I HEARD THAT HE HOLDS HIGH POSITIONS IN THE OVERSEAS COMPANIES AS WELL.
JUDGING FROM THAT, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THIS COMPANY BECOMES HIS...
OF COURSE IT WILL.
Yeah.
Yeah.

MORNING, SIR.

Meeting Room
Fujimiya-aaa!!
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
I'M SORRY I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
IT'LL ONLY TAKE 5 MINUTES!!

YUUKI HAS—HE'S RETURNED
ABOUT LAST NIGHT. PLEASE YOU MUSTN'T LET HIM KNOW!
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
BUT I WANT TO SETTLE THIS MATTER WITH THOSE BASTARDS ON MY OWN
YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THEY BULLIED YOU! HOW CAN YOU
FUJIMIYA-SAN, I...
!
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YUUKI ESPECIALLY THE MOTIVE BEHIND THEIR ACTIONS
No! Don't do that! Please!!

BUT THEY'LL DEFINITELY RETURN TO SETTLE THIS SCORE WITH YOU!
SIR! WHAT DID YOU SAY EARLIER?
THAT I AM A FIGHTER IN THIS BUSINESS SECTOR!
STOP CHANGING THE SUBJECT! THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU NEED TO DEPEND ON YUUKI, EVEN JUST A LITTLE!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY,
I will never rely on Yuuki for help, ever!!!
YU—
YUUKI—

turn
AH SIR, THERE YOU ARE...
Yuuk!!!
WAIT!!
TAKAHASHI
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER WHAT I SAID TO YOU LAST NIGHT?
I— AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

YOU MENTIONED BEFORE WHEN YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO YUUKI, YOU FIND YOURSELF LACKING
YES, YUUKI IS A GREAT MAN - IN FACT HE'S ALMOST PERFECT
BUT THE TRUTH IS ONCE SOMETHING HAPPENS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE PROBLEM, IS HE'LL SIMPLY AWAY FROM IT LIKE JUST NOW
FUJIMIYA-SAN...
HE WILL RETREAT TO A HIDING PLACE WHERE NO ONE WILL FIND HIM
WITHOUT SAYING ANOTHER WORD...
HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE HE WAS YOUNG
BUT EVERY TIME HE HIDES, I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO FIND HIM...

Sigh.
STRANGE
IN THEORY, I SHOULD BE UPSET
BUT SOMEHOW, EVERYTHING FEELS SO MUCH LIGHTER NOW
OH? THIS IS REALLY RARE - SEEING YOU LAZING AROUND
SEEING IT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE I BELIEVE THAT FUJIMIYA-SAN
IS DEFINITELY MUCH STRONGER THAN HIM

THEN AGAIN HE S LEARNED A LOT WITHIN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
IN FACT, HE SAID HE LEARNED EVERYTHING FROM YOU
AH, EARLIER TAKA-HASHI TOLD ME
HEH? WHERE DID HE GO??
YOU LOOK LIKE AN OLD MAN WITH THAT CIGARETTE HANGING BY THE LIPS
HAHA!
BUT IN REGARDS TO HIS OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS IT LOOKS LIKE HE HAS A LOT MORE TO LEARN
HEY! THAT HURT!!
smack
INDEED
IT LOOKS LIKE
I'VE ALWAYS SEEN YUUKI AS MY RIVAL, AND SO I PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT INTO MY WORK
BUT,
FOR ME, THERE'S NO ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

專務室
I already said you can't enter!
IT'S THAT OBVIOUS?
YES, YOU DID YOUR FEELINGS ARE WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE
I... I WAS?
AH, YOU WERE SMILING JUST NOW.
I ONLY WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO HIM.
PLEASE LEAVE THE MANAGER HIMSELF INFORMED ME THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE RIGHT NOW.
AH!
Click
Open...
THE MANAGER'S JUST RETURNED FROM HIS OVERSEAS TRIP AND HE'S VERY TIRED! WHICH DEPARTMENT ARE YOU FROM!?
Yuuki!
PLEASE! OPEN THE DOOR!!

YU...KI?
ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD EARLIER LET ME EXPLAIN
I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP.
NOT BECAUSE I HATE YOU.
YU
YUUKI?!

SHOVE
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME BEFORE?
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ME'?
THEN, I GUESS IT'S BETTER TO ASK YOUR BODY INSTEAD
Ah-!

TAKA-HASHI...?
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I...
Yuuki...
Squeeze
Yuuki!!
TAKA-HASHI?

aah
ah
ah
ah
MACHINERY?
IF IT DOESN'T CONTINUE TO MOVE—
IT WILL BECOME RUSTY—
ah
aah
aah
FUCK ME.
YOU CAN BE ROUGH, LIKE JUST NOW I'M OK WITH IT.
I JUST WANT YOU TO DO IT TO ME.
I DO NOT WISH
TO BE YOUR BURDEN
ah
ah
ah
drip
ah
aah
aah
IS THAT YOUR DREAM?
aah

ah
Ah
uh
AH...
SO I WANTED TO TRAIN MYSELF TO BECOME LIKE FUJIMIYA-SAN
ah!
grasp
Ah...
ah
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO BRILLIANT, SO OUTSTAND-ING...
ah
AN EXCEP-TIONAL PERSON
BUT I'M... SUCH A USELESS PERSON
ah
THE ONLY THING I'M GOOD AT... IS CREATING MORE PROBLEMS FOR YOU
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah
Ah
uh
I WANTED
I WANTED TO BECOME LIKE FUJIMIYA-SAN, SO THAT...
ah
TAKAHASHI... I UNDERSTAND. DON'T SAY ANYMORE.
I JUST WISH...
ah

...FOR THOSE BASTARDS WHO BULLIED YOU FOR THE SAKE OF MONEY
I WILL MAKE SURE THAT THEY REGRET THEIR ACTIONS
YOU'RE FREE TO PURSUE YOUR OWN DREAMS AND GOALS
BUT...
IS THAT OK?
Uh ah...
Y-YES... SOUNDS GREAT..
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah...

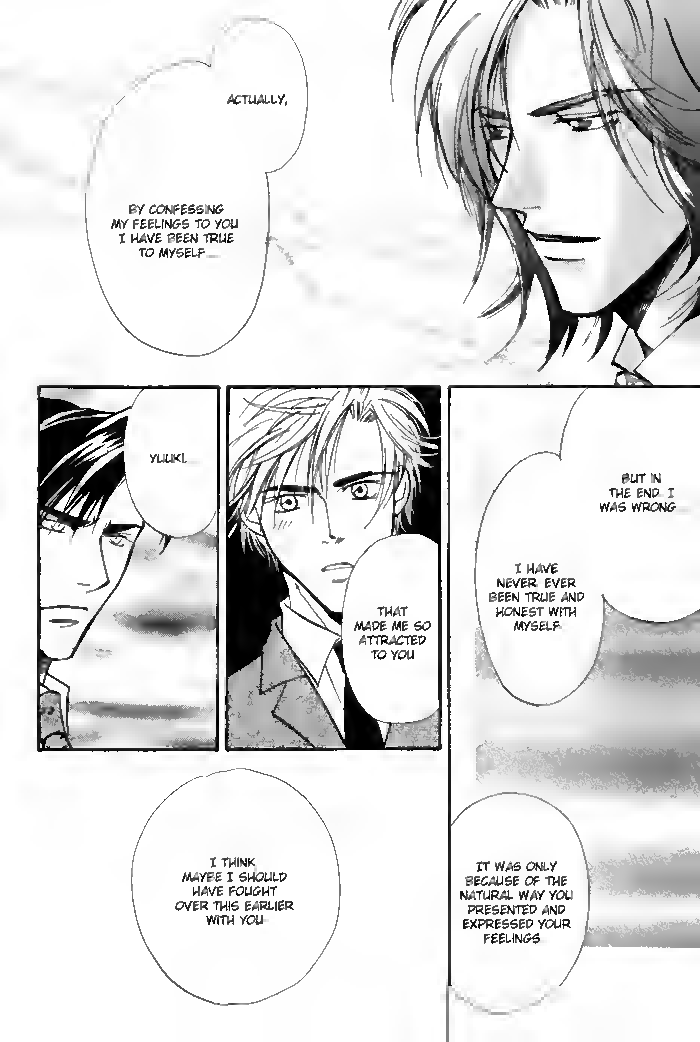
IT SEEMS...
step
step
I FOUND OUT TOO LATE
Cafeteria
I HAVE TO ADMIT, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I WITNESSED TWO GUYS HAVING SEX TOGETHER
VERY STIMULATING AND EXCITING, I MUST SAY.
WELL IT'S ALL TAKAHASHI'S FAULT!
ALL WE DID WAS ASK HIM TO GET SOME MONEY FROM YUUKI FOR US, AND HE GOT SO HUFFED UP ABOUT IT.
THAT'S RIGHT - IF I CONTINUE LIKE THIS, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.
ALL ALONG, I HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARDS THE WRONG DIRECTION...

SO REGARDING THE QUESTION I HAVE ABOUT THE CONTRACT...
UM...
DOO
UH... NO PROBLEM. I'LL GIVE HIM THE 2 MILLION DOLLARS THAT SHOULD SHUT HIS MOUTH UP ABOUT THE AFFAIR
THAT'S FINE ALL RIGHT
R
R
HELLO, SPEAKING
HI, THERE
YES THAT'S RIGHT UNFORTU-NATELY SOME TROUBLE-MAKER SAW US
HELLO?
HELLO?
SO... WHERE'S MY 2 MILLION DOLLARS?
YA
NK

FUJIMIYA-SAN, WHY DON'T WE FIND SOME PLACE, TO TALK ABOUT IT...
IT WOULD BE TOO EASY IF YUUKI DOESN'T FIND OUT.
match
BUT SINCE I HAVE ACCEPTED THE BRIBE ...
THEN I'M IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS YOU.

I HOPE YOU'RE WELL-PREPARED
WAIT A MINUTE! YOSHIDA!!
What!!?
FUJIMIYA-SAN USED VIOLENCE? AND ACCEPTED A BRIBE?
No way!!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU MADE A BIG MOVE.
Resignation Letter
YOU'RE QUITTING YOUR JOB BECAUSE OF THE RECENT EVENTS?
TAKAHASHI...
I can explain everything!
REGARDING THE WHOLE AFFAIR,
IT WASN'T FUJIMIYA-SAN'S FAULT!
PLEASE... PLEASE... WAIT A MINUTE...


ACTUALLY,
BY CONFESSING MY FEELINGS TO YOU I HAVE BEEN TRUE TO MYSELF...
YUUKI.
THAT MADE ME SO ATTRACTED TO YOU
BUT IN THE END I WAS WRONG
I HAVE NEVER EVER BEEN TRUE AND HONEST WITH MYSELF.
IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF THE NATURAL WAY YOU PRESENTED AND EXPRESSED YOUR FEELINGS
I THINK MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE FOUGHT OVER THIS EARLIER WITH YOU

Ah
Fuji-miya!!!
HOW DARE YOU
Yuuki!!
GRAB
slap

I WILL NOT LET YOU HURT FUJIMIYA
YOSHIDA!?
BUT, SIR!!
YUUKI -
YOSHIDA... LET GO!

YOU MAY FIND ME RATHER ANNOYING
BUT... I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ENDING OUR FRIENDSHIP
IT'S BECAUSE I WISH TO HAVE A SERIOUS AND FAIR FIGHT WITH YOU...
THAT I TENDER MY RESIGNATION.
JUST LIKE THAT...
RESIGNATION

SO IT SEEMS...
I HAVE AWAKENED THE SLEEPING LION
YUUKI...
HOPEFULLY, THE NEXT TIME WE MEET YOU WILL HAVE BECOME AN ENTERPRISING BUSINESSMAN - ONE THAT WOULD COME TO CHALLENGE ME
TAKAHASHI...
THAT'S RIGHT

SIR, I WILL NOT LET YOU GO ALONE
GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? AN' YOUR HAND'S ON MY SHOULDER!
OH, SORRY
Well, then stop doing silly things!!
SLAM
YUUKI— IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO RELAX
THE NEXT TIME FUJIMIYA APPEARS, HE WILL DEFINITELY BE AN OUTSTANDING FIGURE
THAT'S RIGHT
HOWEVER, I NOW HAVE ANOTHER STRONGER HELPER

IN THE END, I WAS STILL UNABLE TO IMPROVE MY DATING SKILLS
IT LOOKS LIKE IN THE SHORT WEEKS TO COME, NOTHING IN MY LIFE WILL CHANGE
BUT AT LEAST...
MY HEART IS FINALLY AT PEACE
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
NOTHING...
IT WAS NOTHING.
YOU KNOW SIR, YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU'RE SMILING
smack!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT??
The End

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Love Promotion Program
恋愛昇格プログラム
ONE YEAR HAS PASSED,
AND THE COMPANY THAT I STARTED ON MY OWN IS FINALLY UP AND SHOWING GOOD PROGRESS
THE TWO OF US...
HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE RELAX AND TAKE A BREAK.
YOU'RE NOT GOING HOME YET?

I ALMOST FORGOT. I SHOULD DOUBLE CHECK THIS BEFORE CALLING IT A NIGHT
HEY!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE IT TO SHIMURA, SINCE IT'S SUCH A TRIVIAL MATTER?
ACTUALLY, HE ALREADY COMPLETED THE JOB BUT I'M JUST DOUBLE CHECKING TO MAKE SURE
OLD HABITS DIE HARD, I GUESS.
IT'S GOOD I GUESS.
THAT WAY I CAN REASSURE MYSELF AND GUARANTEE THE BEST FOR OUR CLIENTS

IN THE MEANTIME IT SEEMS TO ME THAT M S COMPANY HAS BEEN TRYING TO STEAL OUR BUSINESS
THEY MUST HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT OUR PROPOSAL CONDITIONS
IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S ALL A MATTER OF TRUST M S COMPANY IS A RATHER LARGE COMPANY, AFTER ALL
SO, ARE YOU STILL BUSY WORKING FOR THAT CLIENT?
glug
glug
AH YES I AM STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF COMPLET-ING THAT REPORT
I BELIEVE I HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO WIN THEM ALL! WE WON'T EVEN NEED TO SNATC-
BUT OF COURSE!! I WILL DEFINITELY NOT ADMIT DEFEAT THIS EASILY!

I WASN'T ASKING THAT OF YOU
I MEAN, BACK THEN, YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THE ENTIRE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
BUT NOW INSTEAD, YOUR JOB IS TO RUN AROUND RUSHING REPORTS AND RUNNING ERRANDS
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT THINGS ARE OKAY LIKE THIS?
TOPPLE
AGHHH I'M SO SORRY!!
LET ME WIPE IT FOR YOU!
WAAAA
DRIP
WA - WHAT ARE YOU DOING? AH!
!!

SO, ARE WE HEADING INTO THE CITY THIS EVENING?
IT'S JUST THAT I LACK THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO ADMIT IT
ACTUALLY I'M.
UH... I'M SORRY
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
AND ALL THIS TIME, I'VE ONLY GIVEN HIM RATHER VAGUE RESPONSES.
AND JUST LIKE THAT, ONE YEAR HAS
ONLY BECAUSE I DO NOT WISH TO LOSE HIS GENTLE-NESS TOWARDS ME
PER-FECTLY AWARE OF YOSHIDA'S KIND INTENT-IONS

I HAVE BEEN SUCH A CRAFTY PERSON.
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE
Erh!!?
HE SAYS THAT HIS FATHER HAS FALLEN SICK SO HE'S TAKING THE DAY OFF TO VISIT HIS FATHER AT THE HOSPITAL
AH SIR, YOSHIDA CALLED IN EARLIER THIS MORNING
YOSHIDA?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW? HIS FAMILY OWNS A RESTAURANT?
YOU MEAN THE FAMOUS YOSHIDA FAMILY RESTAURANT? IT'S EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE AND HIGH-CLASS! ARE YOU FOR REAL!?
IS THAT TRUE? THEN ISN'T THIS BAD?

ALL RIGHT, STOP TALKING ABOUT IT!
WORRYING ABOUT THAT HERE ISN'T GOING TO HELP!
SO, HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO WORK
IS YOSHIDA THEIR ELDEST SON? WOULDN'T HE HAVE TO TAKE OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS?
受付
市立中央病院
6 5 4 3
12 11 10 9

WE'RE LUCKY YOUR FATHER IS ALL RIGHT THIS TIME BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN
IF YOU COULD JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TELLING THAT TO MY BIG BROTHER!?
AIBA!
ANYWAY, IT'S BETTER THAT YOU QUIT YOUR JOB NOW
MOTHER, IT'S USELESS TO SAY ANY MORE
AIBA!
I HAVE SEEN HOW YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING IT HAS SHOCKED ME TO SEE YOU BOWING AND ACTING SO HUMBLY TOWARDS ALL YOU WORK FOR HOW EMBARRASSING!
BUT NOT AT THAT ABNORMAL STANDARD!!
MOTHER! IT'S ALL ABOUT SHOWING RESPECT TO THE CLIENTS!
But, Mother!!
WELL, YOU QUIT YOUR JOB LAST YEAR AND ENDED UP WORKING AT SOME WEIRD AND NAMELESS COMPANY EVEN I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF

SIR!!
WHAT STANDARD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF WORK, THAT I BOW AND SHOW RESPECT TO MY CLIENTS!
ONCE AGAIN THERE'S A MISTAKE HERE!
EH? OH! REALLY!? MY APOLOGIES!
YOU'D BETTER LET ME HANDLE IT FOR NOW.
IT'S REALLY OKAY I CAN MANAGE IT ON MY OWN
IT'S BEEN 3 DAYS AND YOSHIDA HASN'T RETURNED OUR BOSS APPEARS TO BE VERY WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
WA...
OUR BOSS? WHAT DID HE DO THIS TIME?
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I DON'T THINK OUR BOSS KNOWS THAT HE HIMSELF IS FEELING ANXIOUS

ANOTHER MISTAKE. . HOW COULD I HAVE.
JUST WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
How on earth did it become such a mess? Honestly!
It's because I trust Yoshida's character that I've entrusted this job to you
I'M SO SORRY! THANK YOU
YES... THAT'S RIGHT... IT WAS MY MISTAKE...
YES... I WILL BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON. YES...
R R R
HELLO?
TAKAHASHI!
YES, IT'S BEEN A WHILE! HOW MAY I HELP YOU?
I just heard that Yoshida might be quitting his job. Is that true!?
Really? Fujinomiya-san!! Are you not going to stop him?
IT APPEARS THAT HE HAS SOME FAMILY PROBLEMS
Fujinomiya-san? It's me!!

FOR THE PAST YEAR, HE HAS SPENT SO MUCH TIME WORKING FOR ME, AND IT HAS BEEN RATHER HARD ON HIM. SO IF HE REALLY WANTS TO QUIT, THEN I WILL NOT FORCE HIM TO STAY.
BUT WHAT RIGHT DO I HAVE TO STOP HIM FROM QUITTING?
Besides, I do believe that your relationship with him is much more than just employer and employee.
The most important thing is how you and Yoshida really feel and think of each other.
Have you even asked or talked to him directly about this?
What about Yoshida?
HUH?
NO
Well, forgive me for being blunt. But, it is too early to draw your conclusions.
After all, the two of you have trusted each other for so long.
Why don't you ask him face-to-face?

TAKAHASHI... IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY TAUGHT ME A THING OR TWO...
Oh, I'm sorry
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MAKE MY DECISION...
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I MUST NO LONGER HIDE NOR RUN FROM YOSHIDA'S FEELINGS
RIGHT NOW...
JUST KIDDING I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE
TO THINK... I REALLY AM GOING TO TAKE TAKAHASHI'S ADVICE

AHHH!!
WHOA, SIR!! NOW WHAT HAPPENED?? WHY DID YOU SHOUT!?
Shit!!
scramble
scramble
SHIT!! SHIT!!
FUJINOMIYA IN THE MEANTIME IT SEEMS TO ME THAT M S COMPANY HAS BEEN TRYING TO STEAL OUR BUSINESS
YOSHIDA IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S ALL A MATTER OF TRUST M S COMPANY IS A RATHER LARGE COMPANY AFTER ALL
OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER IS RIGHT OVER THERE
ER, I'M SORRY BUT I NEED TO SEE YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER IT'S IMPORTANT
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY FORGOT TO PAY A VISIT TO THAT COMPANY!!
SIR!!

Yo...shida!!
WHY IS HE HERE??
whoosh
WHERE IS HE GOING NOW?

I'M WATERING THE PLANTS...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, WATERING THE PLANTS!!
太郎
spray
YOSHIDA... WHAT...ARE YOU DOING?
FUJI-NOMIYA
OH WELL, THE MANAGER'S HELPER IS CURRENTLY SICK SO HERE I AM, HELPING HIM WATER THE PLANTS
I GOT HIS PERMISSION TO DO SO ANYWAY
NOO I DON'T MEAN THAT!!
I...I DON'T RECALL TEACHING YOU TO GO TO SUCH LENGTHS, JUST TO CLOSE A DEAL!
WHAT I MEAN IS YOU ONLY WENT TO ATTEND TO AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CLIENT JUST HOW DID YOU END UP DOING THIS AS WELL!?

THAT'S BECAUSE...
I HAVE COMPLETE TRUST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO FUJINOMIYA
YOSHIDA...
DIDN'T WE SWEAR BEFORE... THAT THE TWO OF US WOULD WORK HARD TOGETHER?
SINCE WE CAN'T LOSE TO OUR COMPETITION- THE ONLY OTHER REASONABLE STEP
WOULD BE TO GAIN THE COMPLETE TRUST OF OUR CLIENTS
BUT YOUR FAMILY...

THAT'S SO MEAN OF YOU!
LONG AGO, BACK THEN, I DECIDED THAT NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE SAID,
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT I WOULD JUST QUIT AND LEAVE?
ABOUT THE RUMOURS CURRENTLY CIRCULATING AROUND THE OFFICE, REGARDING MY RESIGNATION
ha ha ha... OH YEAH I HEARD FROM SHIMURA
I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW YOU FUJINOMIYA, FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
NOW IS THE TIME... I HAVE TO DECIDE.
I HAVE TO SAY IT...
SO, YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME. YOU JUST HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE OBSTACLES AHEAD OF YOU

DURING THAT ONE WEEK WHEN YOU WEREN'T BY MY SIDE...
I INJURED THREE OF MY FINGERS...
EH?
ABOUT MY FEELINGS
YOSHIDA I...
YES?
ACTUALLY I...
WELL... I BROKE SATO'S CUP THE OTHER DAY... AND HE WANTED ME TO REPAY HIM BY TREATING HIM TO SOME WINE.
AND I ENDED UP DRINKING UNTIL I GOT SO DRUNK, THAT I PUKED MY GUTS OUT UNTIL MY HEAD BEGAN TO REALLY HURT
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
EVEN I, MYSELF, COULDN'T UNDERSTAND

YOSHIDA... I REALLY WANT TO KNOW IF THIS REALLY MEANS...
FUJI-NOMIYA...
I REALIZED THAT I FOUND OUT TOO LATE...
YOU CAN TELL ME SLOWLY...

UH... PROBABLY
I DON'T THINK I'LL REGRET IT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? IF YOU REGRET HALF WAY I DEFINITELY WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP!
YOU REALLY HAVE NO REGRETS?
WHY DO YOU SAY SUCH THINGS!
THIS SHOULD BE, OKAY
FUJI-NOMIYA !!
I REALLY, REALLY WANT TO BE WITH YOU, THE SOONER THE BETTER. DON'T YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY AS I DO?
YOU WAIT A MINUTE
FROM THEN TILL NOW YOU'VE BEEN TEARING OFF MY CLOTHES ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY
THAT I AM THE BOTTOM!?
THAT'S RIGHT!
You must be joking!
SHAKE X3

THEN, THAT'S GOOD
NO, IT'S NOT GOOD!
WHERE IS IT NOT GOOD?
LIKE I SAID I...
I'VE BEEN TRYING MY BEST AND I HAVEN'T EVEN WASHED THAT AREA REALLY CLEAN
AND IT'S MY FIRST TIME SO...
WELL, THAT'S JUST A MINOR PROBLEM
it's a huge problem!!
WILL YOU KEEP IT DOWN!! YOU'RE RUINING THE MOOD!
I THINK WELL... LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT IT TODAY!
Nnn
Yoshida
FOR ME TODAY COULD BE MY FIRST AND MY VERY LAST CHANCE

AHHH... NO...
IT JUST... FEELS SO WEIRD HERE
Ahh
FUJINOMIYA... YOU REALLY ARE SO CUTE...
WHAT... HOW CAN I BE CUTE
Nnn
Ahh
Nnn...
SWATCH
Ah
Ahh
Nnn...
Ah
IT FEELS GOOD...
Ah
Ahh
FUJINOMIYA... YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK
I CAN'T ...
Nnn...

CAN YOU FEEL ALL THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU?
Ahhh
Ahhh
Ahhh
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH
FUJI-NOMIYA
THUMP
Hurut
ah
ah
ah
ah

TODAY IS THE FIRST TIME I FELT...
THE GENTLE TOUCH OF YOSHIDA'S HAND
nn
ah
aah
SQUEEZE
WHAT!?
You want to do it, too!?
I WILL NEVER LET GO OF THAT HAND...EVER.
THAT'S VERY HARD TO SAY... LET ME THINK ABOUT IT AFTER WE SWITCH OUR SEX ROLES.
The End
I BELIEVE.
FUJINOMIYA
YEAH?
AFTER THIS, I GUESS I SHOULD EXPECT A PROMOTION

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Fujimiya, the person in charge of the planning department, is asked by his superior and rival, Yuuki, to look after Shuuta, a freshman employee. While still confused, Fujimiya who's even starting to be taken by Shuuta's earnest appearance, witness the love affair between Yuuki and Shuuta?!

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<kikiireru>lets whore it out, with a request message.
<kikiireru> @_@
<kikiireru>haka i need your witty humor, something to get translators to join us
<kikiireru> >.<
<hakanai-[work]> oooh. *ponders*
<hakanai-[work]> a haiku: a stable of bisb / for those Japanese fluent / nakama owns all okay kidding...
<hakanai-[work]> errr... the wit fails me today. o.o
* kikiireru kicks
<kikiireru>: for some reason ppl are scared of nakama
<hakanai-[work]> hehe. i suppose it's because you've been around forever. and take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> but who wants shit anyway.
<hakanai-[work]> wanted: japanese translators who take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> i wonder if that can be written in strange kanji that can have a totally different meaning.
<Artemis> hmmm... no shit? *thinks*

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世界でひとつしかない答え
THE ONLY ANSWER IN THE WORLD

I FIRST MET MIKAMI DURING THE SUMMER OF MY SECOND YEAR IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Junior High School Q Final
THAT MIKAMI, WHO WON THE SCHOOL CHAMPION-SHIP,
WAS CALLED THE "PRODIGY OF THE QUIZ WORLD" DUE TO HIS INTELLIGENCE AND GOOD LOOKS
Junior 1st year
3 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN
SOMEHOW, WE ENDED UP IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AND BECAME BEST FRIENDS
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A PRODIGY
slurp
slurp
I'll get it
YOU'VE GOT SOME ON YOUR CHEEK, TAMURA-SAN

THANKS FOR THE MEAL! HERE'S THE 300 YEN
THANK YOU
THE REST GOES HERE
I'M SAVING UP TO BUY A PS2!
KACHINK
KACHINK
That's great!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU FOR BUYING CHEAP BENTO'S* FOR ME
*Bento = lunch box
LET'S STOP BY THE QUIZ CLUB TODAY!
OKAY
MIKAMI IS A NICE GUY, BUT THERE'S JUST ONE THING I CAN'T STAND ABOUT HIM
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO CUTE, TAMURA-SAN!
Don't mess with me!
I hate
KICK
idiot!
MIKAMI, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS REFUSE A MATCH AGAINST ME?
EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE TIME, I'VE NEVER HAD A QUIZ MATCH AGAINST HIM!

NIKAMI WHY DON'T YOU SIGN UP FOR THIS?
National Senior High School Quiz
APPLICATION
WHAT IS IT?
?!
IT'S THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ. ONE TEAM CONSISTS OF TWO PEOPLE AND WITH YOU I'M SURE WE CAN WIN IT.
THERE'S ALSO PRIZE MONEY
Trip.
SO IF WE WIN, WE CAN GO ON A TRIP TOGETHER.
OR— YOU COULD PAIR WITH HIM
What!?
UM— I CAN'T DO THAT. IT'S MY WEAK SPOT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!!?

Senpai, where are you going?
Find me if you can!
FUME
SHUT UP! I WAS DEEPLY HURT BY WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW!
FUME
HEY DO YOU KNOW MIKAMI-KUN?
YES!
THE GOOD LOOKING GUY THAT USED TO BE CALLED THE QUIZ WORLD'S PRODIGY.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HATE PAIRING UP WITH ME!!?
OR MAYBE...
slump...
UGH, COULD IT BE ...
BUT NOW HE HANGS AROUND WITH TAMURA. I WONDER WHY?
No way
I WANTED TO KNOW THAT MYSELF, BITCH!
Kyahahaha!
TAMURA IS JUST A POOR, BORING, WILD SHORTY, WHO CAN'T EVEN BUY A PS2!
..because I'm lacking!?

Coffee
Hmm?
WHY IS YOUR ANGER GAUGE AT FULL?
He finally found him.
Ah...
How should I know, idiot!
step
step
step
step
Crap!
Donation Street!!
CLINK
Damn it!
Here you go!
Here you go!
Here you go!
TAMURA-SAN?
Stop
TA-TAMURA-SAN, WAIT!
step
step
step
step
step
step
step

WAS IT OKAY TO HAND OUT YOUR MONEY LIKE THAT?
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE
KA — CHINK
YOU DONATED QUITE A LOT
IT'S MY PLAY MONEY ANYWAY!
IT ONLY TAKES ME 2-3 STEPS BACK FROM MY PS2
DAMN IT! HE'S BEING SARCASTIC AGAIN
SENPAI YOUR GENEROUS SIDE IS SO CUTE.
thump
WHAT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?

I WANT TO GO TO THE GAME CENTER! I WANT TO SPENT LOTS OF 100 YEN COINS!
Really!!?
AS A REWARD, I'LL TREAT YOU TO WHATEVER YOU LIKE TODAY
COYPU GAME
Sigh
NOW I ALWAYS THINKING
TAMURA-SAN HERE
WAS IT FUN? OH YOU'RE SWEATING
WHY?
Tamura-san relax.
The combo with Y came out
PUSH
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WANTS TO HANG OUT WITH ME,
Tamura-san, don't aim at me!!
BANG BANG
BUT

Chatter Chatter
LET'S BUY ANOTHER BURGER
JOIN! SPEEDY QUIZ
We will give this latest gaming machine, the PS2, to the winner...
And the winner is Kuroi-san!
If there's none, then Kuroi-san will be the winner!
Who will be the next challenger?
PS
Ah
Me!
HE'S SO GOOD AT SPOILING ME
TAMURA-SAN!?

First question: the smallest prefecture in Tokai is...?
Okay!
Are you ready?
What the hell!? This guy is super fast!!
KANAGAWA.
The fastest is Kuroi-san!
CORRECT!
CORRECT!!
DAMN!
CARBON DIOXIDE
KUROI SAN!!
DING DONG
Next question: what is dry ice?
AH, I JUST EMBARRASSED MYSELF.
I'M SO WEAK... IT'S NO WONDER YOU WON'T MAKE ME YOUR PARTNER.
TAMURA-SAN
Next challenger!
Kuroi-san is so strong! He defeated the challenger, Tomura-kun by 10 points!

SWISH
Oh, we have a new challenger!!
GRAB
I'LL GET REVENGE FOR YOU!
HUH..?
...
MIKAMI TETSUYA, 16 YEARS OLD!
MIK...MI!!?
Then, the first question is...

Tharp
CORRECT!
A French philosopher who examined the three main types of government. Montesquieu!!
Tharp
DING DONG
3rd -
MIKAMI SAN, HOW CAN YOU KNOW THE QUESTION ALREADY!!?
MONTES-QUIEU
Next question, the sun's -
DING DONG
MIKAMI-KUN..!
#000 C
CORRECT AGAIN!
SO STRONG!!
A SERIOUS MIKAMI!
I DON'T KNOW THIS MIKAMI
BECAUSE, HE'S USUALLY SUCH A CLUMSY GUY
MOODY
Tharp
Tharp
AND ALWAYS SMILING AT ME

THAT IS
MIKAMI, THE PRODIGY,
THE ONE WHO DEFEATED ME
Thump
BOINK
EH? AREN'T YOU HAPPY? IT'S A PS2!
CRAP! WHY IS MY HEART BEATING THIS FAST?
DON'T WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT THIS I ALREADY HAVE ONE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T LOOK HIM IN THE FACE

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT THEN I'LL JUST GIVE IT AWAY TO SOME KID
WHAT IS THIS...?
COULD IT BE THAT I.. ABOUT MIKAMI
JUST KIDDING!
ABOUT MIKAMI
WHAT'S WRONG?
THEN THIS TIME I'LL SAVE THIS FOR YOU...
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE... AND PLAY...
DURING SUMMER BREAK...

So cute!
Please!
Mikami, do a quiz match with me!
Hahaha, next time, okay?
NO MATTER HOW I BEGGED
Really!? I'm so happy!!
CAN'T CANT BREATHE!
I'M JUST A BORING GUY, WHO'S ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT QUIZZES
Something else?
Do you want to do anything else?
QUIZ
HE WOULD ALWAYS BOW OUT
BUT TO MIKAMI,
I'M NOT A WORTHY ENOUGH OPPONENT IN A QUIZ
OKAY, I'LL SIGN UP.

THEN, YOUR PARTNER WILL BE...
...TAMURA-SAN?
I WOULD LIKE SOJIRO-SENPAI TO BE MY PARTNER
No.
Tamura-sanpai!!
STEP
IS IT OKAY TO TEAM WITH ME?
YES.
WELL THIS MEANS I'LL BE SPENDING MOST OF MY SUMMER BREAK WITH YOU...

SHUT UP, YOU TRAITOR!!
TAMURA-SAN!
JUST .. WAIT!
I SHOULD BE THE ONE ASKING THAT!!
WHAT IS WITH YOU?
JUST GO WHEREVER YOU WANT IDIOT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?
I— I ALSO WANTED TO GO ON A TRIP WITH YOU!
DIDN'T WE MAKE A PROMISE FOR SUMMER BREAK—?
lift
Aarghl What? Pet me down!! Hey!
pair up with me!?
But why won't you

MIKAMI...
TAMURA-SAN, YOU WERE CRYING... WHEN I DEFEATED YOU 3 YEARS AGO
3 YEARS AGO...?
FLOP
Waah!
THAT TIME, I FELT A PANG HERE...
SINCE THEN... I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BE A PART OF THE SAME QUIZ AS YOU.
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE TROPHY AND THE PRIZE
THOSE THINGS DIDN'T MAKE ME HAPPY
MORE THAN THAT, YOUR TEARS LEFT A DEEPER IMPRESSION ON ME...
THESE EYES...
IT'S MIKAMI, THE PRODIGY!

I WANT TO HOLD YOU, TAMURA-SAN. THIS TIME, I WON'T STOP MYSELF.
PULL
AH!
MIKAMI, ST- STOP!
THIS HAS GOT TO BE A LIE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING--?
TO NEVER MAKE YOU CRY--
TO ALWAYS MAKE YOU SMILE--
I'VE BEEN TRYING MY BEST TO ACCOMPLISH THAT
MIKAMI!!
UGH...

HA..
AAAH!
MI-
MIKAMI..
Ha
Ha
Ha
MI..
MI
KAMI?
I HAVE ALWAYS ALWAYS LIKED YOU..
STOP AH..
HAA..
AH!
AH!
HAAA..
Aaahn!
tsuitch

NNGH.. NNGH..
WA.. IT!
UH... UUGH...
TAMURA-SAN THE ANSWER...
THE ANSWER —.
Damn it, this feels too good !!
ARE YOU DROPPING OUT?

Aaaah...!!
ha
ha
ha
ha
ha
ME ME TOO!
I LIKE YOU TOO, MIKAMI!
TAMURA-SAN...
SINCE THEN MIKAMI'S FEAR OF MAKING ME CRY HAS VANISHED...
LET'S DO THE QUIZ MORE SERIOUSLY!!
POUND
POUND
POUND
OKAY, BUT LET'S EAT LUNCH FIRST.
If I win again, you'll have to be my slave for a week. I'm going to make you cry. are you okay with that?
...AND HE BECOME "THE INSENSITIVE PRODIGY OF THE QUIZ WORLD."
The END